



## Ilkley Parish Councillors 2015 – 2018

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### REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Bandstand Management Committee  
Churches Together Ilkley (CTI)  
Coronation Hospital  
Coutances Town Twinning Committee  
Friends of Ilkley Lido  
Friends of Ilkley Moor  
Ilkley & District Good Neighbours  
Ilkley & District Road Safety  
Ilkley Business Forum  
Ilkley Fairtrade Group  
Ilkley Flower Show  
Ilkley in Bloom  
Ilkley Senior Citizens  
Keighley & Ilkley Voluntary Community Action  
Parish Liaison Meetings  
Tourism Partnership  
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts  
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)

Cllr Souter  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Gibbons  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Rickard  
Cllr Darling  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Murison  
Cllr Ridgway / Cllr Rickard  
Cllr Mann / Cllr Darling  
Cllr Souter  
Cllr Sugden  
Cllr S Butler  
Cllr Mann  
Chairman/Vice-Chairman & Clerk  
Cllr S Butler  
Cllr Gibbons  
Chairman/Vice-Chairman & Clerk

### PARISH COUNCIL PROJECT MANAGERS

<b>Allotments</b>	Cllr Walbank	<b>Cemetery/Riverside Paths</b>	Cllr Darling
<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>	Cllr Mann	<b>Christmas/Jubilee Lights</b>	Cllr Souter
<b>Car Parking &amp; Traffic</b>	Cllr Ridgway	<b>Concert on the Grove</b>	Cllr Gibbons
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	Cllr Mann		

### WARD COUNCILLORS

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### MP SURGERIES

Kris Hopkins MP now holds surgeries at Ilkley Town Hall. Surgeries are held every Tuesday and on some Saturdays. Surgeries are by appointment only. Please call 01535 201108.

## Committee Membership

### Plans Committee

Cllr Susan Cuthbertson  
Cllr Claire Darling  
Cllr Jack Rickard  
Cllr Jennifer Souter  
Cllr Andrew Walbank

### Awards & Projects Committee

Cllr Kate Butler  
Cllr Mike Gibbons  
Cllr Henri Murison  
Cllr Mike Ridgway  
Cllr Joanne Sugden

### Management & Staffing Committee

Cllr Stephen Butler  
Cllr Mike Gibbons  
Cllr Jack Rickard  
Cllr Libby Packett  
Cllr Jennifer Souter  
Cllr Joanne Sugden

### Community Fund Committee

Cllr Sandy MacPherson  
Cllr Brian Mann  
Cllr Libby Packett  
Cllr Joanne Sugden  
Cllr Mike Ridgway  
Cllr Andrew Walbank

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# Ilkley Parish Council Newsletter

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Ilkley Town Hall at 7:30pm.

### Full Council

There is a meeting of Full Council *usually* on the first Monday of each month. The next meetings are:  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2016  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### Plans Committee

12<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### Awards & Projects Committee

25<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

*Local groups and organisations are able to apply for awards from Ilkley Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk for more information on how to apply including the rules and criteria.*

### Community Fund Committee

11<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2016



*Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding*

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10:00am – 1:00pm

## Message from the Chairman

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

We started the Council year, which runs from May to May, with a newly elected Council and it was my pleasure to welcome five new Councillors and nine returning after election. Sadly, we lost our Vice-Chairman, Paul Kitching, due to his sudden death. The subsequent bye-election saw Susan Cuthbertson elected to the Council. Councillor Cuthbertson is a welcome addition to our team. We then had a full complement of fourteen Councillors representing the four wards of Ilkley together with the Parish Clerk and her deputy.

The Council is served by four committees. The Planning Committee chaired by Councillor Andrew Walbank, the Management and Staffing Committee chaired by Councillor Stephen Butler, the Awards and Projects Committee chaired by Councillor Mike Ridgway and the Community Fund Committee chaired by Councillor Brian Mann. Throughout the Council year there have been a total of 42 meetings.

In addition, the Council is represented on many organisations in the town. A full list is always published in the Parish Newsletter and on our website. The council has a Facebook page which has proved a useful communication tool. This was set up and is maintained by the Parish Clerks.

This year we are working to a budget of just under £190,000 of which we precepted just over £163,000. Our accounts, which are always available for scrutiny, are managed by the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

They are overseen by two very experienced councillors and are audited, as legally dictated by internal and external auditors – both independent of the Council.

Parish. This will follow on from the publication of the Core Strategy of the Bradford Local Plan which is expected before the end of 2016. Our plan is being developed by a team of local people led by



Parish Councillors.

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## Public Participation at Parish Council Meetings

Did you know that members of the public and press are entitled by law to attend all meetings of the Parish Council? Early on in each meeting there is a Public Participation slot at which any member of the public is able to speak about an item on the agenda. Individuals are able to speak for a maximum of five minutes. Agendas are published three working days prior to each meeting and can be viewed on the Parish Council's website or in the notice board outside the Town Hall.

Please note that only items on the agenda can be discussed by the Council. If you have an issue which you would like the Parish Council to consider at one of its meetings please contact the Clerk to the Council.

## Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

The Parish Council has recently undertaken a huge amount of work at Darwin Gardens Millennium Green. If you have visited the Darwin Gardens Millennium Green recently you will have seen that lots of overgrown areas have been cut back to open up the views within the Gardens, lots of tree work has been carried out to remove trees which had fallen during winter storms and one of the bridges has now been replaced thanks to Ilkley Moor volunteers. A new wild flower meadow picnic area has also been created near to the car park and the Millennium Maze (shown below) has been improved. Work is now underway to replace another bridge.

The Parish Council will be meeting with a Green Flag Award judge very soon and will hopefully be successful in gaining Green Flag Status once again. We hope



## Chairman's Annual Report (Continued)

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Recently a Councillor tendered their resignation. This was accepted and the Council is now moving on. This leaves a vacancy which will take some time to fill either by co-option or bye-election. We estimate that the cost of an election will be between £5,000 and £10,000, depending on timing.

*Councillor Brian Mann*

## Dementia Friendly Ilkley Action

Did you know that 1 in 14 people over 65 have dementia? The Parish Council is working with Dementia Friendly Ilkley Action. Our aim is for Ilkley to become a community in which those living with dementia and their carers feel confident, as residents and visitors, that they can find understanding from those they meet and access the support they need. Thus enabling them to feel included and have choice and control over their day to day lives. Dementia Friendly Ilkley Action run sessions regularly to help people understand dementia. If you would like more information you can email [dementiafriendlyilkley@gmail.com](mailto:dementiafriendlyilkley@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page 'dementiafriendlyilkley'.

## White Wells Plaque Unveiling

On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016, a plaque was unveiled at White Wells to recognise the hymn tune 'Cranbrook'. 'Cranbrook' was composed by Thomas Clark of Canterbury and in 1877 the Heptonstall Glee Choir visited Ilkley Moor and composed the words of "Ilkley Moor Bah't 'at" to the tune of Cranbrook thus creating Yorkshire's famous song!

Councillor Brian Mann of Ilkley Parish Council and Councillor Francis Rook of Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council, Kent unveiled the plaque which is pictured below.

Special thanks should go to Mr Frazer Irwin and Mr Brian Holmans who both spearheaded the project to have the plaque installed.



## Ilkley Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) News

Shed thefts remain a problem throughout Ilkley. The Ilkley Neighbourhood Policing Team is urging everyone to be vigilant and to please ensure that you secure all property which is kept in sheds, garages or outbuildings. In particular, thieves are targeting bicycles and power tools.

Please also ensure that you do not keep car keys near to your door as this is a very easy target for burglars. Don't forget to sign up to the new Online Watch Link ([www.owl.co.uk/wyp](http://www.owl.co.uk/wyp)) to receive regular information from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. You can also find Keighley NPT on Facebook.

If you need to speak to a member of the NPT please call 101 for all non-emergency matters.



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## What's On in Ilkley

**Vintage Tweed Ride  
9<sup>th</sup> July  
2016, The Grove**

**Guided Walk at Darwin Gardens, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, 7pm**

**Ilkley Summer Festival 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

**Real Food Ilkley (Fine & Local Produce Market), 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
South Hawksworth Street**

**Concert on the Grove, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

*(Tickets available soon from Visitor Information Centre)*